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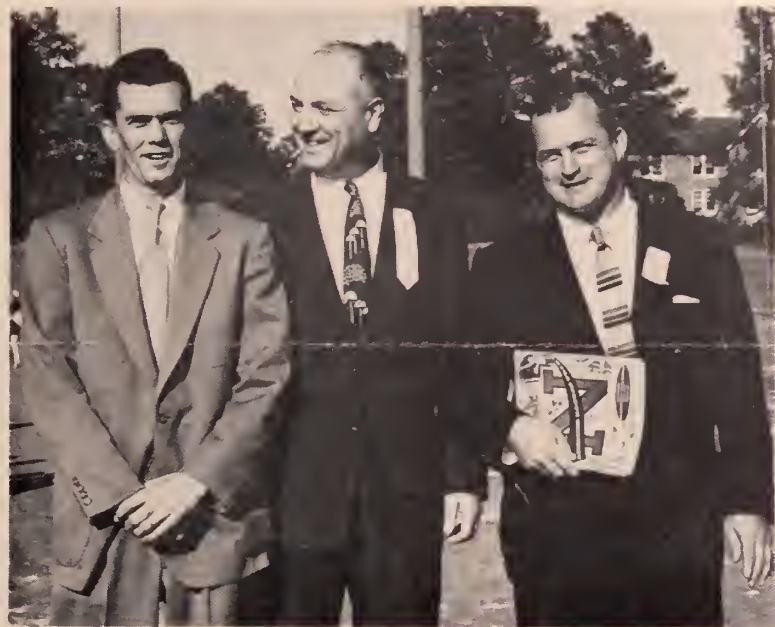


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TED W. WRIGHT, PRESIDENT KYSER, E. H. GILSON



## Gilson and Wright Reelected By Alumni

At the annual meeting of the Northwestern State College Alumni Association on Homecoming Day, November 19, E. H. Gilson, of Shreveport, and Ted W. Wright, of Bastrop, were re-elected to serve the Alumni Association as president and vice-president, respectively, for 1956.

Also re-elected were Leroy S. Miller, of Natchitoches, as secretary-treasurer, and S. M. Shows, of Mansfield, as member of the Board of Directors.

### Proposed Amendment Passed

The proposed amendment to increase the number of members on the Board of Directors, exclusive of the officers, from four to eight members, was passed by the Alumni Association. In addition to the increase in membership, the state was divided into eight alumni districts, no relation to congressional districts, and the length of the terms of office of the new board members was determined by lot in open meeting. The alumni districts proposed in the map printed in the October issue of the *Alumni Columns* were adopted.

The results of the drawing for districts not having representation on the Board of Directors at the time of the election were as follows: District 2, one-year term;

District 4, three-year term; District 5, two-year term; and District 6, four-year term. The distribution of the terms of office of the new members will automatically provide an overlapping Board of Directors with the term of office of two members expiring each year, which means that in 1956 the regular officers of president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, and two members of the Board of Directors will be filled. This practice will then be followed each succeeding year thereafter.

### Four New Board Members

Elected to fill the four new places on the Board of Directors were Willie W. Ward, Superintendent of Ouachita Parish Schools, Monroe, for a period of one year, representing District 2; A. G. (Laddie) Alexander, Jr., insurance representative, Alexandria, for a period of three years, representing District 1; Erbon W. Wise, newspaper publisher, Sulphur, for a period of two years, representing District 5; and Payne Mahfouz, Principal of Opelousas High School, Opelousas, for a period of four years, representing District 6.

Other members of the Board of Directors are Frank J. Mobley, New Orleans, District 8; Richard Clanton, Baton Rouge, District 7; and Mrs. John Cunningham, Natchitoches, District 3.

## Natchitoches Captured By Alumni And Paratroopers On Homecoming Day

Alumni from all points of Louisiana and surrounding states began pouring into Natchitoches Friday evening and Saturday morning for the homecoming celebration on November 19. Despite the fact the U. S. Army and Air Force were conducting "Operation Sagebrush" which produced a tremendous traffic problem on all roads and highways in the area, the alumni made their way through to Natchitoches and Northwestern State College.

### Morning's Activities

Registration and coffee began in the reception room of Varnado Hall at 8:30 and continued throughout the morning. The big parade moved off the campus promptly at 10:45. With colorful and artistic floats, numerous bands and pep squads, the ROTC marching units, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, the Queen and her Homecoming Court, and officials spaced out in the line of march, the parade was a beautiful sight and was viewed by throngs of people crowded on the streets from the campus entrance through the downtown business section.

At the general alumni meeting in the Little Theater at 11:30, recognition of honor classes, the business session and election of officers was held. All alumni then went to the Student Center, where a buffet luncheon was served.

### Paratroopers Capture Airport

As if staged for the benefit of homecoming visitors and the students on the campus, "Operation Sagebrush" dropped 1,200 paratroopers and all their equipment on the Natchitoches Airport at the noon hour, thus completing the capture of Natchitoches from the defending forces. Since the airport is located just across Chaplin's Lake, bordering the campus, hundreds of visitors had an opportunity to see the mass air drop.

In the afternoon the Demons met the Southeastern Lions in a thrilling football game. Although the crippled Demons lost the game by the score of 27-20, the spirit of homecoming was exhibited throughout the game and the rest of the day.

The day ended with the Homecoming Ball in Student Center.





## MODERN BASKETBALL MOTHER OF N. S. C.



Mrs. O. L. McConathy is pictured above receiving a trophy from President Kyser in the "N" Club room on December 6, just prior to the beginning of the Demon basketball team's first home game for the 1955-1956 season. The actual presentation was made in public exercises just preceding the game in the gymnasium.

The award was presented for being the "Modern Basketball Mother of Northwestern State College."

Mrs. McConathy is the mother of three sons—Leslie, Johnny, and

George—all of whom have played basketball for the Demons under the coaching of Coaches H. Lee Prather and Charles F. "Red" Thomas. All of the McConathy boys have been outstanding players on Northwestern teams and have contributed greatly to the success of the teams on which they have played throughout the years. All have been selected on All-Conference teams. In addition to this honor, Johnny was named All-American, and played professional basketball after leaving NSC.

George, the youngest, and a sen-

## McCONATHY DRIVES IN FOR A LAY-UP SHOT



## Demons Speed Up After Slow Start In Basketball—Win All Home Games

The freshman-laden Demon basketball squad are in the first part of a rugged 27-game schedule, which has pitted them against some outstanding college teams in the central and southwest areas.

Starting the season against North Texas State at Denton, the Demons were nosed out by a score of 76-81. Three minutes before the game ended, the Demons were only one point behind, but the Texans pulled out ahead, largely on foul shots.

The first home game of the season was played against Central Missouri State on December 6. The Demons ended the game on the big end of an 85-77 score. George McConathy racked up 29 points to lead the Demons. (Incidentally, this is the greatest number of points any Demon has scored in a single game this season.) Other high scorers for the Demons were Enloe and Brown, 16 each, and Leach with 11.

Traveling to Nacogdoches, Texas, two nights later, the Demons again met defeat at the hands of Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks, 61-78. The Lumberjacks have held the edge over the Demons for three successive games, having won both games last season.

Returning to their home court for five games in a period of seven days, the Demons again returned to the win column and took all five games. North Texas State was the first victim, falling before the Demons 79-63, with Brown and Leach leading the scoring column for the Demons with 23 and 20, respectively.

East Texas State, defending champions of the NAIA, met the Demons two days later on the home court. With the lead changing hands several times in the first half, and a tie score of 23-23 midway during the game, the Demons began hitting the basket and pulled away to a 65-58 win at the end of the game. Brown led the Demons with 25 points. He was ably assisted by Leach with 15, Fontenot with 10, Enloe and Crnkovic with 6 each, and Wicker with 4.

For this year, demonstrated his basketball prowess in the game immediately following the presentation of the trophy to his mother by scoring 29 points to contribute to a Demon victory.

The following night Midwestern University furnished the opposition in a thriller from start to finish. McConathy was injured and removed from the game early in the second half, but the Demons pulled through on the top side of a 75-72 score at the end of the game. Freshman Jimmie Leach led the scoring with 25 points, closely followed by Brown with 22. McConathy and Wicker followed with 9 and 8 points each.

Southeastern, Oklahoma, a regular on the Demon schedule, furnished the opposition for the next two games. The first game was a nip-and-tuck affair, with the Demons finally nosing them out 50-49, the lead having changed hands 17 times during the game. In the second game, the Demons fared somewhat better in the scoring column and pulled away in the closing minutes to a 76-69 victory. Leach and Brown were leading scorers in both games, with McConathy, Enloe, Fontenot and Wicker coming in for their share.

During the holidays, the Demons take the road for return games with East Texas State Teachers College and Midwestern University on successive nights. On December 27-30 they will participate in the Midwestern Tournament at Terre Haute, Indiana, which tournament they have won for the past two years in succession.

Returning from the tournament, the Demons take on powerful Memphis State College in Memphis, and then journey to Monroe for their first Gulf States Conference encounter with Northeast State College.



Deborah Ann is the one and one-half-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brydels of 139 North 12th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Brydels, B.S. '50, is doing graduate work at Louisiana State University. He just recently finished his tour of duty with the U. S. Army.

The mother is the former Faye Ray Crump, B.S. '51, of Marthaville



## ALUMNI Here 'n There

Gardner Krieger, B.S. '39, now receives his mail at P. O. Box 666, Tijeras, New Mexico. Krieger is a research engineer for the Sandia Corporation, affiliated with Western Electric Company, and is doing research for the government.

Before moving to New Mexico about two years ago, Krieger was research engineer for the R. C. A. at Princeton, New Jersey. While at Princeton, he assisted Dr. Zwarkin in developing the Electron Microscope, and did work on the sniperscope, used extensively in World War II and the Korean conflict.

He has just recently completed his home on a mountainside at Tijeras. The name of the mountain on which he lives, his company, and his town (all Spanish names), when translated into English, cause Krieger to remark: "I live on 'Crab Apple' Mountain, work for the 'Watermelon' Corporation, and live at 'Scissors,' New Mexico."

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCoy, B.S. '51, of Logansport, are now living in Karlsruhe, Germany, while McCoy is in the U. S. Army. Mrs. McCoy is the former Glynn Ellen Pennington, B.A. '53, of Shreveport. Living in the same town near them are Mr. and Mrs. L. Houston Davis, B.S. '53, of Shreveport. Mrs. Davis is the former Marie Tilleux, B.A. '52, also of Shreveport.

A note from Miss Carley R. Basco, B.S. '50, of A-9 Parkway Apartments, 1302 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii, states that she is enjoying her work in the Pacific area. Last year Miss Basco taught Home Economics and Sociology at Dependents' School, Clark Air Force Base, Philippine Islands.

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A note from Walter Max Burns, B.M.E. '54, of Leesville, states that he and his wife are now living at 311 Rugby Avenue, College Park, Georgia. Mrs. Burns is the former Barbara Sue Stephenson, B.S. '54, also of Leesville.

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Miss Betty Ree Maricle, B.S. '50, formerly of Pitkin, is Director of the Nursery School at Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Mississippi.

Miss Maricle stated in a letter that she had recently met Mrs. Michael Blouin in Columbus. She was delighted to learn that Mrs. Blouin was also a graduate of Northwestern State. Mrs. Blouin is the former Miss R. E. Williams of Shreveport. She lived in Clarksdale, Miss., prior to moving to Columbus. Incidentally, Mrs. Blouin taught with "Ye Olde Editor" the year before she became Mrs. Blouin. Yes, it was on Bayou Lafourche at Raceland High School.

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Shilling are the proud parents of a son, Philip Raymond, who was born on August 15. Mrs. Shilling is the former Carmen Joyce Basco, A.B. '52, of Gorum.

Mrs. Shilling taught two years at Sulphur and one year in Lake Charles. She and her husband are now living at Gorum.

## BETTY FAY AND EMMA JEAN BRADSHAW



Betty Fay and Emma Jean Bradshaw are the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bradshaw of Anacoco. These young ladies are 17 years of age. They both have straight "A" records in high school and plan to enter Northwestern State College in June, 1956.

Mr. Bradshaw, a graduate of Northwestern, is principal of the Anacoco High School. Mrs. Bradshaw, a graduate of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, is teaching Home Economics in the Anacoco High School.

These young ladies will be assured a cordial welcome on our campus.

## McNew, Schroeder, Hickman, Beck Named All-Conference By Sports Writers

Four football stalwarts on the Demon team were named by the Sports Writers Association poll for places on the All-Conference team.

Selected for the first team were Edwin Schroeder of Cypress, Texas, at the guard position, and James "Red" McNew of Ferriday, at the quarterback position. Placed on the second team were Gary Hickman of Haynesville, at end, and James Beck of Minden, at fullback.

Schroeder was selected by his team mates as the "MOST VALUABLE PLAYER" on the team and he was awarded the McFadden Trophy at exercises in a recent basketball game. Mr. McFad-

den of Shreveport, the donor of the award, was present for the occasion.

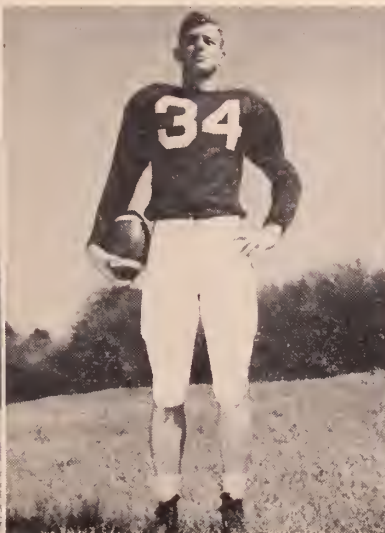
The Demons finished the season on Nov. 19, with a record of four wins and five losses for a percentage of .444. In conference games it was two wins and four losses. They were bedeviled with injuries after midseason.

Statistics for the season show that the Demons won from Stetson University 7-0, Lamar Tech 7-6, Louisiana College 34-7, and Northeast State 28-7. They lost games to McNeese State 6-14, Louisiana Tech 20-21, Howard Payne 7-12, Southwestern 13-27, and Southeastern 20-27.

McNEW



SCHROEDER



HICKMAN



BECK





## TELESCOPE USED BY GAUSS



## Calcasieu Alumni Group and New Officers

The Calcasieu Alumni Unit held a dinner party in Lake Charles on November 1 at Jay's Restaurant with approximately 55 members present. Eddie Schumacher, president of the local group, presided at a very entertaining program. Attending the meeting from North-

western State College was Mr. Guy Nesom and Mr. Paul Marx, who drove down with alumni secretary Leroy Miller.

Officers and board members for 1956 were elected at the meeting. These are pictured in the top section of the picture above. Reading from left to right are Eddie Schumacher, member of Board of Directors; Mrs. Mildred Packman, board member; J. E. Rolon, board member; Colen M. McSwain, membership chairman; Mona Grey Miller, reporter; Mrs. Nancy Byrd Greenwood, board member; Dale Bernard, president; Margaret Bozeman, secretary-treasurer; J. C. Carlin, board member; Glynn Williams, vice-president; Gabriel Barkate, board member; and Erbon W. Wise, board member.

## Cupid's Doings

MISS BEVERLY SMITH, nursing student of Shreveport, and BOBBY L. LEACH, also of Shreveport, B.S. '55, were married December 17.

The couple will make their home at 312½ Boulevard, Shreveport, while the bride continues her studies at N. S. C. School of Nursing in Shreveport.

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MISS BARBARA ANN CALK, former student, of Shreveport, and Roland R. Nichols, of Shreveport also, were married in the chapel of the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Stanley Jordan officiating at the ceremony.

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MISS EMILY CHAUVIN, ex '53, of Ferriday, and CHARLES ALBERT MASSEY, ex '53, were married at Sevier Memorial Methodist Church of Ferriday on November 14.

(See last column)



Pictured here is Dr. G. Waldo Dunnington at Gottingen, Germany, last spring in the study once used by Gauss, the great German scientist. Dr. Dunnington is examining a telescope formerly used by the noted astronomer. His definitive biography entitled *Carl Friedrich Gauss: Titan of Science* is just off the press. Dr. Dunnington's study of the noted German mathematician and scientist was published by the Exposition Press in New York.

During the past quarter of a century Dr. Dunnington has done extensive research on Gauss, both in this country and in Europe. He is the author of an earlier book on the same subject entitled *Carl Friedrich Gauss, Inaugural Lecture on Astronomy and Papers on the Foundations of Mathematics*, published by the Louisiana State University Press in 1937. In addition, he has published at least a dozen articles in scholarly journals on the same German scientist.

On February 26, 1955, Dr. Dunnington, as the invited guest speaker, delivered the memorial address before a large audience at the grave of Gauss in Gottingen. The occasion was the hundredth anniversary celebration of the death of Gauss. On the day of the ceremonies Dr. Dunnington published a full-page article on Gauss in the Gottingen newspaper.

Two days later, before the Jean Paul Society in Bayreuth, Germany, Dr. Dunnington delivered a special lecture on Gauss and Jean Paul. On this occasion the Jean Paul Society conferred an honorary membership upon the speaker, the only such membership in the Western Hemisphere.

## CUPID'S DOINGS

Miss Katherine Larkin of Troy, New York, and LT. (j.g.) HARDY NICHOLAS ROSE, formerly of Shreveport, B.S. '53, were married in the All Saints Chapel at the U. S. Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida, with the Rev. William H. Rose of Many, brother of the groom, officiating at the ceremony.

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Miss Maria Christina Romero, of Tucson, Arizona, and WILLIAM G. SANDLIN, JR., former student at the College, of Natchitoches, were married in the Santa Cruz Church of Tucson, Arizona, on September 23.

## FIRST SOLO FLIGHT



Navy Lt. (j.g.) Elvin G. Lightsey B.S. '52, of Delbi, is pictured by his plane after completing his first solo flight at Whiting Field, U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Milton, Florida. He is working for his Navy "Wings of Gold."

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